

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ WAIVER REQUEST
☐ RECONSIDERATION REQUEST

DATE: 6/25/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Friends of Rapides Parish Fire District Two
Office:
Parish:
Election Date: 12/5/2020
Level of Office: Prop PAC

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 10-E
Original Due Date: 11/25/2020
Date Filed: 12/3/2020
Activity Receipts: \$2,150.00
Expenditures: \$1,050.00
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$4,700.00

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$320
Days Late: 8
Late Fee Order Received: 4/30/2021
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 5/19/2021
Waiver Request Received: 5/3/2021
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Joseph Glorioso chairman faxed in waiver request and states that they thought they understood the reporting requirements. He said during the time they were trying to get information on how to set up the committee Rapides Parish was hit with 2 major hurricanes and a major tornado which was a huge weight on the the fire department. He said Covid 19 outbreak greatly affected their department as many of their employees were out with the virus and caused the department to be shorthanded. He asks for leniency because their tax is renewed every 10 years and no one working for them now served on the tax committee 10 years ago, so they were very ignorant as to what they were doing. They just knew that educating their community about the tax renewal was vital.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No

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Louisiana Ethics Board
Campaign Finance
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Ref: Election to Continue Funding for Rapides Parish Fire District 2
December 5, 2020
\$320 Fine for Form 10-E

To Whom It May Concern:

It has been brought to our attention by your office that we are in violation of your reporting rules due our turning in the appropriate paperwork by the required date.

We apologize for this oversight and ask your leniency and/or waiver for several reasons:

- 1) We thought we had understood what you told us to do and turned in the appropriate documentation which resulted in our receiving the attached Certificate of Registration. Obviously, we missed some very important information.
- 2) During the time we were trying to get information as to how to set up our committee, Rapides Parish was hit with 2 major hurricane events and a major tornado which were a huge weight on our department.
- 3) The Covid19 outbreak has greatly affected our department as many of our employees have been out with the virus and caused us to work shorthanded. Also, our employees are working under the stress of handling medical calls involving Covid19 positive patients.

With this being said, we ask for your consideration in leniency because our tax is renewed every 10 years and no one working for us now served on the tax committee 10 years ago. So, we were very ignorant as to what we were doing. We just knew that educating our community about the tax renewal was vital.

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Rapides Parish Fire District 2

Firefighters are not paid high salaries yet each of our families donated \$100 to this cause to save their jobs for another 10 years. Our committee was formed to give our voters the necessary knowledge needed to make a good decision about how to vote. Our employees walked mile after mile of neighborhoods and roads to educate our community about the election and our department. The small amount of money left in our account was designated to help a needy family in our area. We will have to rely on our Firefighters to come up with any fines placed on our committee.

If appearing in person to your board would benefit us in any way, we are willing to do anything necessary to resolve this matter without fines incurred.

For these reasons, we ask your help in waving or reducing the fines assessed due to our late reporting. We believe we are current on reporting to date.

Please advise us as to your decision so that we will know when we should dissolve our committee.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Joseph Glorioso
Committee Chairman

STATE OF LOUISIANA LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS
acting in its capacity as the
SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE ON CAMPAIGN FINANCE DISCLOSURE

In Re: Friends of Rapides Parish Fire District Two
December 5, 2020 Proposition Election

LATE FEE ASSESSMENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Friends of Rapides Parish Fire District Two, in its capacity as a political action committee, its committee's chairperson, Joseph Glorioso, Jr.; co-chairperson, Jimmie Fields; treasurer, Austin Vidrine and secretary, Alessia Russell were required to file campaign finance reports pursuant to La. R.S. 18:1486.

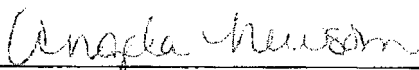
WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.1 provides that it is a violation of the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act to fail to timely file campaign finance reports.

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1486C(1), Friends of Rapides Parish Fire District Two was required to file a 10th Day Prior to Election Report (10-E) by November 25, 2020. Friends of Rapides Parish Fire District Two filed the report on December 3, 2020 and was 8 days late.

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 18:1505.4A(2)(a)(iv) provides that an automatic late fee of \$40 per day (not to exceed \$1,000) be assessed against Friends of Rapides Parish Fire District Two, its committee's chairperson, Joseph Glorioso, Jr.; co-chairperson, Jimmie Fields; treasurer, Austin Vidrine and secretary, Alessia Russell for this late filing.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED that a late fee of \$320 is assessed against Friends of Rapides Parish Fire District Two, its committee's chairperson, Joseph Glorioso, Jr.; co-chairperson, Jimmie Fields; treasurer, Austin Vidrine and secretary, Alessia Russell for failure to timely file a 10-E campaign finance disclosure report.

ORDER signed on the 27th day of April 2021 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
Campaign Finance & Lobbying Division